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In re patent application of:

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For: CATHODE MATERIAL FOR LITHIUM
SECONDARY BATTERY, PROCESS FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND
SECONDARY BATTERY USING THE SAME



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AMENDMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

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In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 1999, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 8 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A carbon material characterized in that edge parts of a
core carbon material are ^{partially} ~~partially~~ or entirely coated with a coat-forming carbon
material and that the carbon material is nearly spherical or ellipsoidal, wherein
the carbon material has a specific surface area determined by a BET method of
5m²/g or less.

Claim 4, line 3, change "crystallinity" to "crystallinity--"; and